GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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CIRCULATION OF BHUTAN CURRENCY
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the currency notes of Bhutan are in circulation in some bordering States in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

(a), (b) & (c): Instances of circulation of Bhutanese currency `Ngultrum`have been noticed in some districts of North Bengal bordering Bhutan. The Reserve Bank of India has taken up the matter with the civil and policeofficials of West Bengal and has requested them to take steps to curb the circulation of Bhutanese currency.